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"I am fully convinced that huge ice swarms are moving around in space, in orbits like those of meteors. Somewhere in space there is a border line - beyond it the sun's rays will not melt ice : on the sunward side of the line."

Morris Jessup, from The Case For The UFO 1955.

UFO BITS AND PIECES

by Allan J. Manak

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1964 UFO CASE WITH RADIATION: A radiation count of about five times normal was discovered at the site of the unidentified flying object sighted near Grand Valley late Friday evening, according to William B. Weitzel. Mrs. Florence Rosenburgh of Eldred Center observed what was described as "a blue-white ball of light about five times the size of a star" as she stepped from her brother-in-law's back porch Friday night at about 8:25 p.m. Mr Weitzel also talked with Elmer Van Guilder of Eldred Center, who reported having seen the same object at the same time, but added that it had "an oblong shape in front of the light." Mr. Weitzel, who has had some experience with UFOs and their investigation, was notified by The Herald, and he and Dick Weaver traveled to the scene. The high radiation count was detected with the aid of a precision manufactured scintillator, equipped with an output speaker to enable the user to hear the count as well as read it on the dial, Mr. Weitzel reported. "A normal background count is about 10 miroroentgens," Weitzel explained "and in a circle about 75 yards across the count jumped to approximately 140 in spots. When I turned to cross the field the count suddenly dropped back to normal. I checked the scintillator with a calibration disc, which contains a known amount of radiation, and the test showed the radiation detector to be accurate." Mr. Weitzel said a discussion with Mr. Van Guilder revealed that he saw the object at the same time from a location about a quarter mile up the road. Mr. Van Guilder reported that

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there appeared to have been "a dark oblong shape" in front of the ball of light in the proportion of about 10 to 1, in the ratio of the dark shape to the ball of light, he said. Source: The Herald, Titusville, PA 11/30/64. From the files of Allan J. Manak.

RUSSIAN MARS PROBE CRASHES: Russia's latest attempt to send a spacecraft to Mars failed when Mars '96 fell back to Earth shortly after its launch on November 16. The first three stages of the craft's Proton rocket booster apparently performed flawlessly. The fourth stage failed to ignite, however, leaving the spacecraft in a doomed orbit. The probe burned up over the South Pacific, scattering debris between Easter Island and the coast of Chile. Source: Astronomy Magazine, February 1997.

TEXAS MYSTERY LIGHTS REMEMBERED: "Around the middle 1920s, me and another boy were sent on a Model T Ford truck to pick up some cotton that was left on the ground. It was about dark when we started loading the cotton, when all of a sudden, on the other end of the field, we saw five balls bouncing over the mesquites off and on toward the east. They scared the wits out of us, [and] we left the cotton, got on the truck, and took off as fast as that Model T could go.

"Years later we were irrigating a cotton field south of Grandfalls, and one night at about 2 o'clock in the morning, about 300 yards from where we were, lights of a car appeared on the border of the canal where there is no road. [Our] first thought was [that] the waterman was checking the gates. The lights set there for about 30 seconds, went off, changed to fireballs, and bounced over the canal and over the field toward the east. They bounced about a quarter of a mile and went off." Source: The Desert Candle, Vol.10, No.6 December 1996.

GREEN FIREBALLS AGAIN: Italy indulged in a bout of UFO fever after witnesses reported seeing a strange green light from a luminous sphere flash through the evening sky near Rome's main airport.

Air traffic controllers said Monday's sighting was probably an optical illusion. The light failed to register on radar screens. Police investigated but found nothing on the ground. Source: Toronto Star, Jan.8, 1997.

1978 UNDERWATER LIGHT MAY HAVE BEEN UFO: Terry Boyle of Oshawa isn't discounting the possibility that a light phenomenon he observed in a pond north of Oshawa may have been caused by an unidentified flying object.

Boyle said when he and a friend visited the bottomless pond Monday evening at 11 p.m. there was a pulsating white light about 10 feet wide in the water.

The sky was very dark Monday night but the light illuminated the area around the pond which is about 30 yards in diameter, Boyle said.

The light stayed and did not disappear, during the hour they stayed to watch it, he added.

"I threw a stone at it and it acted like a force field," he said. "It reacted to the stone and the light increased."

There was no full moon Monday night. The last full moon was July 20. The next one will be Aug. 18.

Boyle said he returned to the site with about 12 other people Tuesday evening at the same time and the light was still there, although it was not as bright.

There were no marks in the ground around the pond and no signs of any sort of vehicle or craft either night, Boyle said.

Boyle said he and a friend put on goggles and investigated the light from under the surface of the water Tuesday night.

"It was in the water, under the surface, and can confirm that the light was in the water," he said.

He tried to photograph the light but because the sky was clear it was too bright to get a picture, he said.

Boyle said he will visit the pond again tonight with any experts or UFO investigators he can find. He said he will go earlier in the evening to see whether the light suddenly appears or just becomes visible with the darkness.

"The point is that UFOs have been known to land in water," Boyle said, "Why not a bottomless pond and why not that particular pond?"

Source: Oshawa Times, Ontario, Canada Aug. 2, 1978.

COLLECTORS CORNER: The following magazines are one of a kind, unless otherwise specified. The price included shipping. (First come, first served.) A special find - Fortean Times Magazine from England, each issue is 68 pages. "The Journal Of Strange Phenomena." No.59 Sept 1991, No.61 Feb/Mar 1992, No.63 June 1992, No.64 Aug 1992, No.65 Oct 1992, No.66 Dec 1992, No.67 Feb 1993, No.68 Apr 1993, No.69 June 1993, No.70 Aug 1993, No.71 Oct 1993, No.72 Dec 1993, No.73 Feb 1994, No.74 Apr 1994, No.75 June 1994, No.76 Aug 1994, No.77 Oct 1994, No.78 Dec 1994, No.79 Feb 1995, No.80 Apr 1995, No.81 June 1995, No.82 Aug 1995, No.83 Oct 1995, No.84 Dec 1995, No.85 Feb 1996, No.86 May 1996, No.87 June 1996, No.88 Aug 1996. All issues are \$5.00 each. A.P.C.I.C. News Bulletin circa 1970's - \$5.00. The Paraufoologist Vol.2 No.3 - \$3.00, Vol.3 No.1 - \$3.00. Creature Chronicles No.5, No.13 - \$3.00 each. The New Millennial Star No.159 and No.160 - \$2.00 each. Environments Out There by Isaac Asimov 1967, 100 pages - very interesting - \$5.00. UFO Update No.'s 1, 2, 3, 4 - \$3.00 each or all 4 issues \$10.00. Science In Russia Magazine - all are 132 pages on heavy paper, \$4.00 each: Aug 1992, Dec 1992, Feb 1993, Apr 1993, Aug 1993, Feb 1994, Apr 1994, Aug 1994, Oct 1994, Dec 1994, Feb 1995, Apr 1995, June 1995, Aug 1995, Oct 1995, Dec 1995. These will go fast. AURA-Z Magazine also from Russia, 100 pages each on heavy paper. No.1 1993, No.2 1993, No.3 1993, No.4 1993, Vol.2 No.1 1994, Vol.2. No.2 1994, many UFO articles - \$4.00 each, a great buy.

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AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

by Rick R. Hilberg

NEW UAPA PUBLICATION

For several years now I've been toying with the idea of compiling a casebook of UFO sightings and related incidents from northern Ohio - UAPA's "back yard." Well, after several months of digging through my personal files, as well as those of the UAPA, I'm happy to announce that Northern Ohio UFO Casebook is now ready to ship. It is an overview of reports from before the beginning of the modern UFO era (a "classic" UFO incident from 1938) up to the present time from one of the country's hottest of UFO hot spots.

I also made it a point to use only those incidents that I either personally investigated and reported on, or where I was able to talk at length with the investigator in charge. That's why I can honestly say that Northern Ohio UFO Casebook contains quality information - not merely second or third hand potentially inaccurate rehashing from the popular media.

I present the following "teaser" from the Casebook, an eyewitness account of an incident that took place three blocks from where I presently live:

"It was 6:35 A.M., Monday, Aug. 24, 1970. Location: Lindberg and West Road, Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

"Three of us had just arrived at the bus stop when we saw two strange figures approaching on the road which crossed our bus route.

"The two figures were dressed in glowing orange suits from head to foot; only their faces were uncovered. Their skin was yellowish. The headresses were conical and they were carrying a disc-like object above their heads. They were about five feet tall.

"They approached within about 50 feet of a small house, then walked side by side away from us to a railroad about 600 feet from our corner. As they stood at the railroad, a car stopped in front of them for about ten seconds, then sped away. The figures then walked a short distance toward us and as we were boarding the bus, one of them extended his arm upward. We could see that it was wearing a cape. I would have approached them, but was unsure of the consequences.

"Later that night I checked the area and found a spot near the road about 100 feet beyond the place they were seen that morning where the high grass was quite disturbed. It was twisted and matted, and there were two fresh paths going to this spot. A few days later I talked with the children who lived in the house which the figures approached. A girl, about nine years of age, said that at about nine o'clock that Monday morning she saw an object like a huge bubble come down from the sky to that very same place I found. She said two figures were waiting there. When the vehicle landed, they entered. It then rose and quickly disappeared,"

Even if you're not an Ohio resident, I'm sure you will want to order a copy of Northern Ohio UFO Casebook for your files. Send \$4.95 to: Casebook P.O. Box 347032 Cleveland, Ohio 44134.

ASTRONOMER CLYDE TOMBAUGH DIES

Clyde Tombaugh, 90, the astronomer who discovered the planet Pluto before he even had a college degree, died January 17th at Mesilla Park, N.M.

He was an astronomy professor at New Mexico State University and founder of the school's research astronomy department.

"He was truly one of the great men of science," said university astronomer Jack Burns, a long-time friend.

Burns said Tombaugh had been struggling with breathing problems for the past two years.

Tombaugh discovered Pluto, the ninth planet from the sun, in 1930 when he had just turned 24, a Kansas farm boy who didn't yet have a college degree.

His discovery earned him a full scholarship to study astronomy at the University of Kansas. He came to New Mexico State University in 1955 and retired in 1973.

Tombaugh was also known for being one of the few working astronomers who admitted having seen an unidentified flying object.

He related that on the evening of August 20, 1949, he was enjoying the evening on his patio with his wife and mother-in-law at his home in Las Cruces when they noticed eight rectangular greenish lights overhead. The lights seemed to be the windows of some object not itself lit up, but vaguely silhouetted against the dark sky. The lights, set in pairs, were about one degree in length. All three witnesses watched the lights disappear over the horizon. Tombaugh was never able to explain his sighting as being anything other than an unknown object of some kind.

NEW STUDY SAYS FALSE MEMORIES EASILY PLANTED

No doubt the "abduction researchers" will be howling over the following piece by Daniel Haney of the Associated Press datelined Seattle on Feb. 16th:

Given a few bogus details and little prodding, about a quarter of adults can be convinced they remember childhood adventures that never happened.

The experiment is one of a series of exercises psychologists have developed that can plant false memories in the brain. Once they take root, these thoughts often become as real as genuine ones - indeed, perhaps even more so.

"Over time, people may forget things that did happen and remember things that didn't," said Henry Roediger III of Washington University in St. Louis.

Roediger and other psychologists described their memory experiments yesterday at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Together, they say the work demonstrates the malleability and fallibility of memory, the human willingness to recall things that make sense or should have happened, even if they didn't.

"All of us to some extent are susceptible to these kinds of contamination" of memory, said Elizabeth Loftus of the University of Washington in Seattle, who pioneered the field in the 1970s.

The researchers say young children, the elderly and people with short attention spans appear most likely to concoct false memories. But even college students - who presumably spend much of their time remembering what they read and hear - can be easily tricked into swearing they recall things that never happened.

In one experiment, Loftus asked parents to list some incidents in their adult children's pasts. Then she told the children she wanted to compare their memories with the parents'.

She walked them through a series of real incidents and then threw in a fake one: As a young child, they had been lost in a shopping mall and were frightened and cried until an elderly person found them and reunited them with their parents.

With just a little gentle coaxing, Loftus said, about one-quarter of study subjects agree this happened to them. Some even go on to provide new details. The memory can become so fixed that they refuse to believe it is a fake when the experiment is over.

In another experiment, volunteers are asked to look over a list of

possible childhood events, such as falling and breaking a window with their hands, and then rate on a scale of 1 to 8 their certainty of whether they happened.

Two weeks later, they are asked to spend one minute creating mental images of some of the events they said they had never experienced. Then they filled out the list again. After imagining breaking the window, 24 percent became more certain such an event had actually occurred.

Loftus has been a strong critic of psychologists who help people recover memories of supposedly suppressed traumas, such as child abuse. Such memory recovery has been critical in trials of adults accused of sexual assaults on children.

SEVERAL SIGHT UNUSUAL OBJECTS IN MIDWEST

Was it a plane, a helicopter? Or could it have been an unidentified flying object?

A Paddock Lake, Wisconsin woman and her son, and an Antioch, Ill. woman, are asking themselves those very questions following their close encounters of the unknown kind recently.

Marcy Effinger and her son, Matthew, 9, were driving home around 6:40 p.m. September 29th when they noticed something unusual over a field on 248th Avenue near 65th Street in Paddock Lake.

"I thought maybe it was a helicopter, but it was bigger than a blimp and like an oval shape," said Marcy Effinger, a 19-year Paddock Lake resident. "There was a big one and a little one. It wasn't moving like a plane. It was just like one huge light. It was just hovering."

After Effinger went home to get her camera, she returned minutes later and saw only one of the objects about a mile off over the field. She watched as it moved farther back over the trees, then decided to follow it as it flitted toward Lake Geneva along Highway K.

"We were going west on Highway K and I saw two airplanes fly by and it was bigger than the airplane," she said. "Here I was in my robe chasing this thing and I figured if the police stopped me, 'what would I say?'"

After she lost sight of the object, Effinger went home and called a friend and former Paddock Lake resident. Debbie Mumm of Antioch, Ill. recalled that she, too, had seen something unusual around the time Effinger said the second object had disappeared.

"About 7:15 p.m. we were going east on North Avenue and had just passed this big accident," said Mumm. "I had thought it was a helicopter, but it was flashing way too fast. It was quite a ways away, but I saw these really, really white lights. The lights were way too high for a plane. It would blink two times, move, then blink two times and move higher. Then it shot to the right and went straight up.

I told my son, 'it must be the Flight for Life (helicopter),' but it was a weird-shaped light," she recalled. "I didn't push it and didn't want to say anything as my son has a very vivid imagination. I wanted a good night's sleep."

Neither woman notified the police.

Sharon Taylor of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, said they hadn't received calls of anything suspicious that night.

No pilots reported any strange sightings either, said an air traffic controller at the Kenosha Airport.

Paddock Lake resident Susan Washack admitted, however, that she had previously seen something strange in the same field on 248th Avenue.

"It just looked like a white light that was suspended in the sky," she said. "It wasn't low enough to be off a tractor. I've seen it maybe two, three times since, but it's been at a distance. I'm not sure what it was."

No alcohol was involved in any of these incidents. Source: Christine Verstraete, Kenosha, Wisconsin News October 7, 1996.
BRIGHT, CIRCULAR UFO SPOTTED IN NORTH CAROLINA

It was 1:20 a.m. on October 2nd, and suddenly, a home in Watauga County's Rutherford community was bathed in a luminous pool of white light.

The homeowner who wishes to remain anonymous, who will be referred to as "Bruce," was already awake, and thought it possible that a police helicopter might be flying overhead.

The only problem with that theory, he said, was that there was no noise.

Bruce said he walked out onto his front porch, cigarette in hand, to have a look around. A minute later, an object rose up from behind some trees across the pasture from his house.

Like the light that had bathed the house, the object was luminous and white, but unlike the light, it was solid and circular in shape.

"It was solid but translucent at the same time, like the center of the sun, only it was a fluorescent white light color. At first I thought it might be a ball of lightning," Bruce said.

Bruce said the UFO hovered for only a few seconds before shooting off at bullet speed toward Wilkesboro.

What Bruce called a UFO was the second one he's seen.

"The first one was in 1993. I was working at Arby's in Boone, and at about 6 o'clock at night, I looked up and saw this thing hovering over the Kmart, about 1,000 feet away," said Bruce.

He said that none of his neighbors had seen the UFO that appeared Wednesday night, and Sheriff Red Lyons said Friday that he had seen no reports about strange objects or unusual lights in the county.

"This UFO shot off like a canon at about a 45° angle. There was no acceleration. It was just gone," Bruce said. Source: Jennifer Bent, Watauga Democrat October 7, 1996.

SEVERAL REPORT LIGHTED OBJECT OVER FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

Nobody is quite sure what the mysterious object was that several area residents and some law officers saw hovering over southwestern Williamson County October 7th.

William Goodgine, of 5669 Old Natchez Road, phoned in the sighting, describing it to authorities as an object with red and green lights that flew into view like a plane about 11:15 p.m. Monday and could be seen hovering for about an hour, making no sound.

Deputy Jamie Jones and Sgt. Paul Brady, who responded to the call, said in a report that they saw an object with large lights hovering about 5,000 feet above ground. It rose out of sight after about 20 minutes, the report said.

Local authorities said they checked with Nashville International Airport, which reported that planes had passed through the area, but nothing else showed up on radar. They also plan to ask the Federal Aviation Administration to check its radar records for Monday night.

In the meantime, officials have classified it as an unidentified flying object. Source: Nashville Tennessean October 10, 1996.

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